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FIRST COUNCIL.

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Wednesday, the 29th April, 1936/17th Medam. 1111.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the Clock in the forenoon, with Khan Bahadur Nawab Sir Muhammad Habibullah Sahib Bahadur, K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E., Kt. LL. D., Dewan—President, in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN.

The following members took the oath and signed the rolls:—

1. **Mr. K. George, B. A.,** (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*).
2. **Mr. C. O. Madhavan, B. A., B. L.,** (*Excise Commissioner*):
3. **Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai, B. A., B. Sc.,** (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*):

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

President: We will proceed to question No. 202 standing over yesterday.

Schools not thrown open to non-caste Hindus.

202. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai** (*Municipal Councils*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any Government schools in the State in which admission is not allowed to non-caste Hindus; if so, how many; and

(b) why they are not thrown open to all subjects of the State?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): (a) Yes; 10.

(b) Because the schools concerned are specially intended for Malayala Brahmins or Rajas or are situated very close to temples, palaces or Brahmin villages.

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Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : In answer to para (a), may I know how many of these schools are intended for Malayala Brahmins or Rajas ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : One special school at Kulakada for Malayala Brahmins and three for Rajas, one at Mavelikara, one at Poonjar and another one at Aranmula.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know for whom the other schools are intended ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : For all people except non-caste Hindus.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know how many of these are near temples, palaces or Brahmin villages ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : 5 of them are near temples, one of them is near a temple as well as a Brahmin village.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know, on what grounds these schools were closed to non caste Hindus ? Is it on account of pollution ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : I presume so.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether non-caste Hindus are allowed to go near the Magistrate's Court at Thekketheruvu ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : I have no information.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether there is a school near the Magistrate's Court ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether the member has enquired whether non-caste Hindus are allowed admission in that court ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Yes, Sir.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran (Nominated) : Is it not a fact that non-Hindus are admitted in that school where non-caste Hindus are not admitted ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : I claim notice.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : May I know how many of these are English schools and how many are vernacular schools ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : All of them are vernacular schools except those at Kulakada and Mavelikara.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : May I know whether, in the answer to part (b), there is any school which is close to the palace and where non-caste Hindus are not admitted ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : There is a school at the Fort at Trivandrum.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : May I know whether non-caste Hindus are given admission into the palace now-a days ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Yes ?

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : May I know on what basis the Director of Public Instruction is saying that non-caste Hindus are not admitted into the schools situated near palaces, temples or Brahmin villages ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : The whole question is under consideration and we are trying to find less objectionable sites to which the schools can be transferred.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : May I know whether any step has been taken by the Director in regard to that matter ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Yes, Sir.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : May I know how long it is since any action is taken by the Director ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : About two years. Four or five schools were actually thrown open to all classes, irrespective of caste or creed. In the case of schools at Monkombu and Ennakad and Eruwayil, unobjectionable sites have been acquired and the P. W. D. are carrying out the construction of necessary buildings. They will be completed before the end of 1111

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : May I know whether the member can ascribe any reason as to why non-caste Hindus are not admitted while non-Hindus are admitted in certain schools ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Non-Hindus are not regarded as polluting castes, I suppose.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : May I know the basis of that information ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : I have qualified all my answers by the expression "I presume so" or "I think so". I am not an authority on the matter.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran : Then, is that the member's personal view of the matter ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : On a point of order Has not the Government got a responsibility in answering questions ?

President : In certain matters members can have their personal views.

Measures to relieve the ryots of their hardships due to the prevailing drought.

203. ***Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai (Neyyattinkara cum Nedumangad) :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have got reports or representations from the officers or th-